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Agenda item 4

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON ITS RESUMED FIRST SESSION

Draft report

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I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee held its resumed first session at United Nations Headquarters from 7 to 11 March 1994. The Committee held ... meetings (16th to ... meetings) and several informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee.

3. At the 16th meeting, on 7 March, the Coordinator for the Conference read out a message from the Secretary-General addressed to the Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the observer for the Caribbean Conservation Association, a non-governmental organization accredited to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process, made a statement.

5. At the 17th meeting, on 8 March, the Federal Minister for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany made a statement.

6. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of Italy. The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

7. Statements were made by the observers for Pacific Concerns Resource Centre, Caribbean Conservation Association, Greenpeace International and Caribbean Policy Development Centre, non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process.

B. Attendance

8. The following States were represented: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kiribati, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

9. The following associate members of the regional commissions were represented by observers: British Virgin Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Niue, Republic of Palau and United States Virgin Islands.

10. The following United Nations bodies and programmes were represented: United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations International Drug Control Programme.

11. The Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific were represented.

12. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Meteorological Organization and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

13. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Caribbean Community, Commonwealth Secretariat, European Union, International Organization for Migration, Organization of African Unity and South Pacific Regional Environment Programme.

14. The African National Congress was represented by an observer.

15. The following non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process were represented: Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Baha'i International Community, Caribbean Conservation Association, Caribbean Policy Development Centre, Centre for Resources Management and Environmental Studies, Environmental Defense Fund, Environment Liaison Centre International, European Centre for Studies Information and Education on Pacific Issues, Global Education Associates, Greenpeace International, International Coastal and Ocean Organization, International Institute for Sustainable Development, International Scientific Council for Island Development, International Synergy Institute, Island Resources Foundation, Marine Environmental Research Institute, The Nature Conservancy, Netherlands National Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, O Le Siosiomaga Society Inc., Pacific Concerns Resource Centre, Pan-African Movement, Panos Institute, Society for International Development, University of the West Indies Centre for Environment and Development, Women and Fisheries Network, Women's Environment and Development Organization, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Wide Fund for Nature International and World Wildlife Fund.

C. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

16. At the 16th meeting, on 7 March, the Preparatory Committee adopted its provisional agenda and organization of work as contained in document A/CONF.167/PC/12 and Add.1 (see annex below).

II. PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES ON THE BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 47/189 AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

A. Organization and programme of work of the Conference

17. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 2 (a) at its 16th meeting, on 7 March. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on the organization and programme of work of the Conference (A/CONF.167/PC/L.8).

B. Participation of non-governmental organizations in the Conference and its preparatory process

18. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 2 (b) at its 16th meeting, on 7 March. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretariat on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process (A/CONF.167/PC/L.4/Add.1).

19. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the accreditation of the non-governmental organizations listed in document A/CONF.167/PC/L.4/Add.1 to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process.

C. Preparations by the host Government

20. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 2 (c) at its 16th meeting, on 7 March. The Minister for Environment, Housing and Lands of Barbados made an oral presentation.

D. Operations of the Voluntary Fund

21. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 2 (d) at its 16th meeting, on 7 March.

22. At the same meeting, the Coordinator for the Conference made a statement.

III. CONSIDERATION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES TO SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES AND THE UTILIZATION OF THEIR MARINE AND COASTAL RESOURCES, WHICH INCLUDES MEETING ESSENTIAL HUMAN NEEDS, MAINTAINING BIODIVERSITY AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ISLAND PEOPLE, AS WELL AS MEASURES THAT WILL ENABLE SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES TO COPE EFFECTIVELY, CREATIVELY AND IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES AND TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS ON AND REDUCE THE THREATS POSED TO MARINE AND COASTAL RESOURCES

A. Draft programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing States

23. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 16th meeting, on 7 March. It had before it the report of the Preparatory Committee on its organizational and first sessions (A/48/36).

24. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Australia and Papua New Guinea.

25. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Islands States (AOSIS)) and Greece (on behalf of the European Union).

B. Information on donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States

26. At the 16th meeting, on 7 March, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on current donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States (A/CONF.167/PC/13 and Add.1).

27. At the same meeting, the Coordinator for the Conference made a preliminary statement.

28. At the same meeting, the Deputy Coordinator for the Conference made a statement.

29. At the 17th meeting, on 8 March, the Committee had before it a document on current donor activities in support of sustainable development of small island developing States - inventory (A/CONF.167/PC/CRP.1).

Annex

AGENDA OF THE RESUMED FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Preparations for the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/189 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:

   (a) Organization and programme of work of the Conference;

   (b) Participation of non-governmental organizations in the Conference and its preparatory process;

   (c) Preparations by the host Government;

   (d) Operations of the Voluntary Fund.

3. Consideration of plans and programmes to support the sustainable development of small island developing States and the utilization of their marine and coastal resources, which includes meeting essential human needs, maintaining biodiversity and improving the quality of life for island people, as well as measures that will enable small island developing States to cope effectively, creatively and in a sustainable manner with environmental changes and to mitigate the impacts on and reduce the threats posed to marine and coastal resources:

   (a) Draft programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing States;

   (b) Information on donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States;

   (c) Consideration of proposals for a Barbados declaration on the sustainable development of small island developing States.

4. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its resumed first session.